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In re application of: John F. Acres

TO 3700 MAIL ROOM

Serial No. 09/104,145

Examiner:

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Filed: June 23, 1998

Group Art Unit:

3713

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING IN VIDEO
A SECONDARY GAME RESPONSIVE TO PLAYER INTERACTION
WITH A PRIMARY GAME**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| For: | Number After Amendment | Previous Number | Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 31-20 | 32-20* | 0 | x \$ 9 = | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 4-3 | 4-3** | 0 | x \$40 = | \$0 |
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated August 28, 2001, please amend the application
as follows.

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A method for operating a group of gaming machines
interconnected by a network comprising the steps of:

allowing play to simultaneously occur on the gaming machines, each of said gaming
machines having a primary game associated therewith;

detecting a triggering event;

initiating a single secondary game from one of the gaming machines after the occurrence
of the triggering event, said single secondary game being common to the group of gaming
machines and resulting in an outcome; and

paying a first bonus responsive to the outcome of the secondary game.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of detecting a triggering event
comprises:

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